

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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Title: TABLE OF ORGANIZATION (T/O) WEAPON FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS
PERSONNEL

Operation/Exercise Name: OPERATION JOINT GUARD Observed: 06 Jan 1998

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

M16 rifles can be a hinderance/intimitating when dealing with civilians.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

Currently Sergeants and below carry M16s as their Table of Organziation (T/O) weapons. The Civil Affairs (CA) Marines are the primary operators of High Mobility, Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs). Many a times the Marines also acts as primary liaison between civilians and NGOs. The rifles is viewed as an intimitating asset during negotiation. Often the weapons are prohibited in certain facilities. This cause the meeting to be moved to another location (since we are not willing to have the Marines be unarmed).

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

Qualified all Marines with M9 and temp loan M9s as necessary in the conduct of their daily operations. Sgts and below carried both M16 and M9s as necessary.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review the T/O weapon assignment for all CA Marines. Sgts and below may be issued both M16s and M9s.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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